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The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" All that I promise is that I shall undertake to convey to the authorities concerned the feelings exhibited by hon. Members in this House and the statements made by them."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" May I know whether any particular community has got a right over another community to compel them to do menial work unlawfully ? " (Laughter).

Irrigation.

Improvement of the Suriliar channels.

* 50 *Q.*—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) how far the proposals for improving the Suriliar channels have been worked out ; and

(*b*) how far the spout system of irrigation recently introduced is progressing and whether it is really advantageous to the ryots ?

A.—(*a*) Estimates have been prepared.

(*b*) Resluicing is in progress and, together with the remodelling of the channels of which this forms a part, should be very beneficial to the ryots.

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" With regard to clause (*a*) of the question, may I know how long it would take to give effect to the proposals ? "

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" As I have already stated in the answer to clause (*b*), resluicing is in progress, and I do not think it ought to take more than three or four months."

Repairs to the anicut, etc., at Periapalaiyam village, Erode taluk.

* 51 *Q.*—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the anicut of Periapalaiyam village, Erode taluk, Coimbatore district, was washed away by the floods several years ago and the same was left in a ruined condition without any repairs whatever ever since the time ;

(*b*) what has become of the mahazar submitted by the residents of Agrahara Periapalaiyam village, Erode taluk, to the Coimbatore District Collector on 20th March 1924 requesting him to inspect the channel and the anicut ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that owing to non-repairs of the channel and the anicut most of the lands lying near by were transferred from wet to dry except a few portions at the tail end of the channel ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the signatories to the mahazar are prepared to dig the ruined channel at their expense on condition that the Government undertake to rebuild the existing anicut across Noyyal (under ruins) ;

(*e*) if so, the difficulty in accepting the offer made by the signatories to the mahazar ; and